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## Dr. Arnold Revzin Named Chief of CSR's Oncology 1 – Basic Translational Review Group

The NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) has selected Dr. Arnold Revzin to be the new Chief of its CSR Oncology 1 – Basic Translational (ONC-1) Integrated Review Group (IRG). Dr. Revzin has been the Scientific Review Officer for CSR's Macromolecular Structure and Function B study section as well as a CSR Referral Officer.



"Arnold stood out in a field of impressive candidates for his depth of experience and unflagging commitment to peer review and the scientific community," said Dr. Richard Nakamura CSR Director. "In addition to having great insights into CSR's practices and policies from 15 years at CSR, Arnold benefits from having had a remarkable career in academia." Dr. Nakamura noted that Dr. Revzin is a professor emeritus of biochemistry at Michigan State University, where he had a 23-year tenure, which included serving as the assistant vice president for research services and the associate dean for research and finance at the College of Natural Science.

The OBT IRG reviews NIH grant applications that involve basic and translational investigations that encompass cancer initiation, promotion, progression, and metastasis. It specifically reviews applications related to chemical and environmental induced carcinogenesis, cancer genetics, tumor biology, oncogenic transformation, regulation of tumor metastasis and angiogenesis, mechanisms of interactions between tumor and host system, and pathological approaches to oncogenesis.

Dr. Revzin received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin and did his postdoctoral training at the Weizmann Institute in Israel, the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry in Germany, and the University of Oregon. He then joined the faculty in the department of biochemistry at Michigan State University. While there, he pursued research into the biophysics of nucleic acid-protein interactions involved in the control of transcription. He took a year off from his responsibilities at Michigan State University to serve as a program director at the National Science Foundation. He came to CSR in 1998.

## **About CSR**

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